

# INQUIRY INTO ACTIVITIES OF FOREIGN PLOTTERS

State Department Will Conduct Wide Investigation Into Their Alleged Plots.

WILSON BACK OF MOVEMENT

Allies May Refuse to Grant Safe Conducts for Return to Germany of Boy-Ed and Von Papen—Conference at Embassy in Washington.

WASHINGTON, December 4.—Development following the request for withdrawal of Captains Karl Boy-Ed and Franz von Papen, naval and military attaches of the German embassy, indicated today that the State Department would conduct a wide investigation of foreign consular officials in the United States, whose suspected activities in some instances are looked upon with extreme disfavor. Should the investigation disclose that any of the officials have acted in a manner considered improper, their exequaturs will be canceled, or the State Department will find other means of having them discontinued in the offices they hold.

Any action taken will undoubtedly have the full approval of President Wilson. It is understood that the State Department is proceeding with the utmost care, and officials are reluctant to discuss the matter. However, that no decision had been reached in the case of Alexander von Nuber, Austro-Hungarian consul-general at New York, whose name frequently has been mentioned in connection with the activities of Boy-Ed and Von Papen.

BOY-ED AND VON PAPPEN MAY NOT GET SAFE CONDUCTS

The entente allies, it became known today, probably will refuse to grant safe conducts for the return to Germany of the two attaches, on the ground that they are not civil officers, but are actively connected with Germany's fighting forces; and should they be allowed to return to Germany, they might not only take part in the hostilities, but impart to German officials information which might prove of military value. They would be free to proceed to Mexico, it was pointed out.

It was made clear at the State Department today that to have the attaches remain in this country even as private citizens would be undesirable. The government has ruled that they are persona non grata, and wants them withdrawn entirely from the United States.

The State Department also made it clear that none of the information upon which it acted had been submitted to Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, Secretary Lansing taking the position that such action was unnecessary. It was said that the request for withdrawal of the attaches could hardly become the subject of diplomatic negotiations.

Secretary Lansing said he had received a stenographic report of the testimony and remarks of counsel in the conspiracy trial of the officials of the Hamburg-American Line in New York, and that it showed that Assistant United States District Attorney Roger Wood had not gone as far as press dispatches indicated in his reference to Captain Boy-Ed. Secretary Lansing was of the opinion that some accounts of the trial which reached Washington were "made of whole cloth." The reference to the government's attitude in speech most complained of applied not to Boy-Ed, but to other persons, the secretary said.

Captain Boy-Ed came to Washington today from New York and conferred with Count von Bernstorff. Officials of the embassy declined to comment on the State Department's action against the two attaches. It became known that a number of attorneys, among them counsel for the defense in the trial of the Hamburg-American officials, had called at the State Department late yesterday and asked to see Secretary Lansing. The secretary declined to receive them, and they were directed to the Department of Justice. There they conferred at some length with Assistant Attorney-General Warren, who has charge of the government's investigation of neutrality cases. The purpose of their visit was not disclosed.

LONDON EVENING PAPERS

EXPRESS GRATIFICATION

LONDON, December 4.—Gratification that "Germany's diplomacy has been officially condemned," as the Evening Standard puts it, is the keynote of the brief references in the London Evening newspapers to the request of the Washington government for the recall of Captain Boy-Ed and Captain von Papen.

The Evening Standard suggests that the next chapter may concern Ambassador Bernstorff himself. It hopes that, meanwhile, "President Wilson will reflect upon the bearing of these incidents upon his correspondence with this country."

The Pall Mall Gazette thinks that the recent trial in New York will open the eyes of Americans to the "real nature of the German campaign being carried on in their midst with the fact of its being conducted with the active connivance of the German government."

The Globe contends that the United States government could not have done less than request the recall of the attaches. "If Washington was to maintain any shadow of the neutrality upon which President Wilson's administration presides itself."

The Globe concludes that the evidence against Captain Boy-Ed and Captain von Papen is so overwhelming that "Germany can do nothing but accept the snub with what grace she may."

Big Otter Is Killed.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

LYNCHBURG, VA., December 4.—C. A. WILK, yesterday shot and killed an otter, which is said by many to have been the largest ever have seen. The animal was three feet, four inches in length, and it possessed an unusually fine pelt.

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# GERMAN ARRESTED IN BIG SPY PLOT

(Continued from First Page.)

mentioned from time to time in connection with activities against the United States, are the following:

Dr. Ernest Ludwig, Austrian consul at Cleveland.

John Schwuegel, Austrian consul at St. Louis.

Hanns Lothar von Hauser, Austrian consul at Pittsburgh.

The Austrian consul at Philadelphia.

In addition, rumor has been current for some time that the German consul at Norfolk might be affected, because of an alleged interest in the escape of certain German officers and sailors from one of the interned cruisers at that port.

PUT UNDER PEACE BOND

Louis Oppelman Charged With Threatening Life of Witnesses in Case Now on Trial.

Louis Oppelman was placed under a \$300 peace bond yesterday by Judge Ernest H. Wells, in Hastings Court, after he had been charged with threatening the life of a witness in the case against Solomon Ellsner, which is being tried in this court.

Oppelman is a brother of Miss Rachel Oppelman, who preferred charges against Ellsner for breach of promise. This case is now being tried for the second time. The first trial resulted in a divided jury last summer.

Oppelman is said to have remarked in the courthouse Friday that he would kill a certain witness in the case, and is also said to have made threats against H. M. Smith, Jr., counsel for Ellsner.

The evidence in the Ellsner case was completed last yesterday, and attorneys will start argument to-morrow morning. The case will probably go to the jury late to-morrow afternoon.

RECKLESS DRIVING

J. B. Kennedy and J. R. Beckner Arrested by Henrico Police Following Smash-Up.

J. B. Kennedy and J. R. Beckner were arrested yesterday morning by Chief of Police T. Wilson Sayre, of Henrico, the one on the charge of recklessly driving his car and smashing into the wagon of Percy Faulconer, and the other on the charge of being drunk and disorderly in Kennedy's machine.

Kennedy was bailed by Magistrate H. S. Sunday in the sum of \$100 to appear before his court Monday morning at 11 o'clock, and Beckner was required to give bond for \$50 for his appearance at the same time.

The smash-up occurred on the Nine Mile Road, about four miles from the city. Faulconer's wagon is said to have been badly damaged.

WANT NEW SCHOOL

Mass-Meeting of Patrons Is Called for To-Morrow Night at Ruffner School.

A mass-meeting of patrons of pupils in the central part of the city is called for Monday night at 8 o'clock at Ruffner Public School for the purpose of launching a movement for the erection of a new junior high school building in this part of town. E. R. Fuller will preside, and address will be made by Mrs. W. A. Burrows, president of the Federation of Mothers' Clubs; Dr. J. A. C. Chandler, Superintendent of Schools; Alderman L. T. Christian, and others.

DISCUSS BELT LINE

Richmond Society of Engineers to Take Up Problem on Tuesday.

Richmond Society of Engineers will meet at the Mechanics' Institute on Tuesday night for a discussion of the engineering problems involved in the Belt Line situation. Several plans have been proposed for meeting this situation, and the society, which includes in its membership many of the best-known civil engineers in this part of the State, including some who have had wide experience in railway construction and in the laying out of cities, will take up the problem in its broadest sense.

Say He Used Car for Joy Ride.

Charles Gorman, night watchman for the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, was arrested yesterday by Policeman Patterson on a charge of using an automobile of the company without permission. Gorman, it was accepted, took the car early yesterday morning, and, with Ollie Leber, Link Turner and George Martin, as his companions, went joy riding. He endeavored to drive the machine through a narrow entrance to a cemetery and collided with one of the gateposts. Turner is said to have been severely injured, while each of the other men suffered slightly. The car was wrecked.

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